

11 FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSLETTER

St John's Girls' School

Te Kura Kōtiro ō Hato Hoani



Greetings from the Principal

Tena koutou, Bula Vinaka, Konichiwa

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning, opportunities and growth. I hope you all had a memorable summer break with your families. The short weeks have been a wonderful way to have the girls re-establish routines.

I have been delighted to see just how easily our new girls have settled into St John's life. They have been taken under the wings of many kind peers and I am enjoying the way they greet me in the mornings as they walk into school.

Information Pack

Thanks so much to the families who have completed and returned the Information Sheet, BYOD Agreement and Parental Consent for Activities Away from School forms. As you will appreciate, it is vital that we have most up to date contact information for every girl. Please return all three forms by **Monday** if you've not done so already.

COVID

Making changes at school in an attempt to prevent COVID from reaching us has become the norm. We are keeping the school day as typical as possible, and until we need to make further changes, this is how it will remain. The girls are enjoying assembly outside in the sun and we look forward to trying our first Google Meet Assembly. From right across the school we will all meet online, with our traditional assembly format!

The following guidelines were sent via Skool Loop this week, in relation to after school pickups:

- Please wait on the grass, to the left of the driveway, when you enter. We often have classes outside on the other grass

- Wear masks
- Maintain a 1 metre distance from others.
- Scan the QR code when entering.
- Leave with your girls as soon as they are released from the classroom.
- Please do not enter the classrooms.

Year 8 Leadership Roles

Ka pai to Room 5 on so promptly being appointed to leadership and responsibility roles. I am incredibly impressed at just how quickly you have implemented meetings, activities, rosters etc. I look forward to seeing just how much added value you contribute to our school days.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Regretfully we are unable to hold our Meet the Teacher evening this year. Given the current climate it is not wise to have a large gathering at school. The safety of our community is priority. You will have already received your daughter's class newsletter for Term One which explains the expectations and routines in her classroom. Should you require any more information, please contact her teacher directly.

We are disappointed that the evening won't be going ahead as it's a wonderful opportunity for our new and existing parents to meet and make connections.



Principal's Comments [cont]

School Photos

Our school photos are begin taken on Thursday 24th February. These are being done early in the year so that we can use individual photos of the girls in many other ways here at school! A 'sibling photo permission form' will come home shortly. Geoff Horrell, who has taken our photos for many years, has retired. Our new photographer has worked alongside Geoff. We are told that ordering will follow the same process as in previous years.

Swimming

School swimming lessons begin on Monday afternoon for those girls who have not yet passed there 200m. Please see the notice that came home yesterday.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, whether it be busy and productive, or days of rest and relaxation!

Nga mihi nui

Nathan Hughes

Tumuaki - Principal

Coming Events

TERM 1

February

- **14th** Swimming Lessons Commence
- **24th** School Photos
- **28th** Zone Athletics

March

- **1st** Zone Athletics [postponement day]
- **2nd - 4th** Year 6 [Room 7] Camp
- **3rd** Cyber Safety
- **10th** Mufti Day
- **15th** School Interviews [School Closes at 2.00 pm]
- **16th** School Interviews [School Closes at 3.00 pm]
- **18th** House Team Bonding
- **29th - 31st** Year 7 [Room 6] Camp
- **30th** BoP Meeting [7.00 pm]

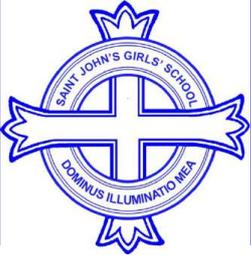
April

- **4th - 8th** Year 8 [Room 5] Camp
- **13th** Easter Service Practice
Aerobics Festival
- **14th** Bonus Points Awarded
Easter Service
Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

May

- **2nd** Day 1 of Term 2

**KILT ORDERS**

Orders for kilts need to be placed with Tudor Clothing Schoolwear now. They take approximately 6-8 weeks, but may be longer due to Covid. Order forms are available from the School Office.

OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC

Out of School Music are still taking enrolments for 2022. Classes start on February 12th at Southland Girls' High School. Saturday mornings 8.30am - 12.30 pm. This is a great opportunity to learn music. Contact Linda 216-5137 or email admin@osmc.co.nz. Also check out their Facebook Page: Out of School Music

SUZUKI VIOLIN TUITION

Places available for 2022. Suzuki Method is a holistic, child focused method of learning music. With over 25 years of teaching experience I support the research that shows playing a musical instrument supports academic achievement and other strong positive character traits. I am happy to discuss any questions you may have - please contact me via email. In Suzuki, ingridlindsay00@gmail.com

HEAD LICE

There has recently been a case of headlice identified in the school. As our girls spend a lot of time together, it is important that you check your daughter's hair so that any headlice can be dealt with quickly to prevent spread.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

This programme operates every day after school from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. Girls can attend on a daily or permanent basis. If your daughter attends on a casual basis it is expected you will pay on the day. If your daughter attends on a regular basis, payment is expected weekly. This is an excellent service offered to the school by Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson will advise what payment is required dependent on how long the girls are in attendance.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club orders are done online by the parents. No orders are taken through the school.

REMINDERS

Late Arrivals: All girls arriving at school after 8.40am must report to the office before going to assembly. Bus girls are the only exception.

Reporting Absences: All absences must be reported to the office before 8.45am with a reason for the absence. Please use the Skool Loop app but if you email an absence/appointment time to the class teacher please ensure you also include office@stjohnsgirls.school.nz

Appointments During School Time: Please notify the office if you are taking your daughter out during class time. Ask her to wait at the office where you can collect her. Please ensure she reports back to the office on her return. Please also inform the office if your daughter is going to be late to school at the start of the day due to an early appointment.



At St John's Girls' School we use Skool Loop as our main methods of communicating with our school community.

Skool Loop is a FREE app and available in both the Google Play Store and the App Store.

In an emergency situation, all updates will be posted to the app, therefore it is important you have this downloaded to your phone.

Download the Skool Loop app, then select 'St John's Girls' School'.

What can the app do?

Absentee Messaging: A quick, simple and convenient way for school parents and caregivers to report absences to the school.

Notices with Push Notifications: Our entire school community or groups within our school community can receive notices directly from us. Once you have downloaded the app, go into Notices and click on the icon on the top right of the screen to select the groups you wish to receive communications from. You will need to update this section each year as your daughter/s change classes and extra-curricular groups. Please make sure you have the 'general' group selected, and your daughter's class.



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